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Mr. Brad Bradley
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 26 (June 2001)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial design and remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during June 2001.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On June 7, 2001, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.

2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- At the present time, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will remobilize to the site in July 2001 to complete the remaining remedial activities at the site. The Group will advise EPA as soon as ENTACT's schedule has been finalized. At that time, a conference call meeting will be held with EPA to discuss the schedule and work activities to be performed.
- Upon receipt of EPA's comments, if any, on the Groundwater Monitoring Plan, the Group and ARCADIS will initiate efforts to address the comments, to prepare a revised plan, and to prepare for completion of the 2001 annual groundwater monitoring event at the site.
- ENTACT will continue efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments and to expand the Operation and Maintenance Plan to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas.
- ENTACT will complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments as soon as remedial activities are completed at the site. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the remaining remedial activities are completed at the site.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Although ENTACT had initially planned to remobilize its equipment and personnel to the site in April 2001 to complete residential soil remediation activities, ENTACT's remobilization was temporarily delayed as a result of the need to obtain updated analytical data from residential soil testing so that an updated disposal authorization could be issued by the off-site landfill. ENTACT's remobilization has been temporarily delayed since that time due to weather and sod availability. The Group will advise EPA regarding ENTACT's schedule for remobilization.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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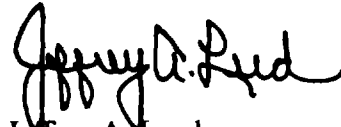
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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